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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Tadashi SAO et al. :
Serial No.: New-Nat'l phase of :
PCT/JP2005/009451 :
International filing date: May 24, 2005 :
For: BRANCHING PIPE JOINT AND :
AN AIR CONDITIONER PROVIDED :
THEREWITH (As Amended) :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 10 of this paper. Claims 1-14 are pending, with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include one (1) attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please replace the title of this application with the following rewritten version:

BRANCHING PIPE COUPLING JOINT AND AN AIR CONDITIONER
PROVIDED WITH THE SAME THEREWITH